



**TAOS Trip Report**  
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Taos experienced some of the best snow conditions it had received in years. Eighteen of us arrived in Alberquie for a van ride up to the ski valley. We were greeted by the delightful staff of the Snakedance condos. A wine reception followed our arrival where we were informed of the ski school and other events of the week.

The week we were in Taos was during an event called wine week plus more importantly (to some of us) ski week. The Ernie Blake ski school offered special ski class prices all week long. Many of us in the group enjoyed lessons, from beginner's instruction to advanced moguls.

We had six great days of skiing, two of which we received fresh snow. Nothing better than powder skiing. The mountain has plenty of varied terrain to delight all levels of skiers.

Each morning our own Saray taught a free yoga class to loosen up the muscles for the day. Many of us attended daily! It was a great way to start the day. After this we enjoyed breakfast provided by Snakedance, then off to the slopes.

On Monday night Roger and Diane M. .... , had all 18 of us to their home for a wonderful dinner and great wines. They served us perfectly grilled beef tenderloin, sautéed prawns, pasta, and wonderful sautéed veggies. It was a fabulous dinner thoroughly enjoyed by all of us.

Some of the group participated in the Taos wine week. Special dinners were offered at several area restaurants, including the Snakedance. Wines with complementing foods are served in several courses. (I even heard a few say they got over served!)

We ended the week with a pizza party Friday night. Several of us lingered over wine, conversation, and the glow of the fireplace in the Snakedance lobby. It was the perfect end to a perfect week!

Always a popular destination for our club, we can't wait to go back to enjoy the spectacular skiing of Taos!

That evening we all departed on the light rail (TRAX) for downtown Salt Lake and a delightful Mexican \_\_\_\_\_